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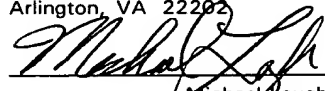
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed September 19, 2002,
Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-8, 11-16 and 30, drawn to a method for
detecting or determining delivery and expression of nucleic acid introduced into
a cell comprising by introducing introducing labelled nucleic acid molecules that
encode a reporter gene into cells, without traverse, for examination on the
merits. Upon entry of the amendment below, claims 9 and 10 also belong in
group and, are elected.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17-29, 31 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

9. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein step (a) comprises
contacting the nucleic acid molecule with a delivery agent that comprises a
cationic compound.

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